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## Abolition of cheques undermines castle

VOLUNTEERS at Hartlebury Castle have warned that Government plans to abolish cheques would have a "devastating" effect on its income.

Supporters will not be able to donate as easily, say The Friends of Hartlebury Castle.

Ninety per cent of their income from donations currently comes in via cheque. The Friends say the income used to help pay for repairs and maintenance at the castle and grounds near Stourport is "vital".

The warning comes after the gov-

ernment announced plans last week to review the decision into scrapping chequebooks in 2018.

Alison Brimelow, chairman of the Friends and ex-president of the European Patent Office, said they were investigating ways to make electronic payments easier.

### Restoration

"Cheques are how most of our donations are made, so if they are phased out it could potentially be devastating for us," she said.

"People don't like to carry around large sums of money, and it can be

difficult especially for elderly people to transfer money electronically, so cheques are just simple. It will impact on charities everywhere, and many small businesses who still deal in cheques as well.

Ms Brimelow added: "We have held several meetings to discuss other ways for people to give us money, and this is something we will have to deal with over the coming months."

The castle, for many years the residence of the Bishop of Worcester, is now home to the Worcestershire County Museum.

All money raised by the Friends group is currently being ploughed into efforts to buy the castle. The owners, the Church Commissioners, are demanding around £2.5million for the property.

The group faces a further struggle for the cash after a bid for money from the Heritage Lottery Fund was turned down.

A long-term restoration and repair project hinges on the group being successful in its bid when the castle goes on the open market next year.

# WE BATTLE ON SAYS VILLAGE

CAMPAIGNERS fighting against a mass-burn incinerator in Hartlebury have pledged to keep fighting after the Environment Agency approves its permit.

The controversial plans for the £120 million project moved forward last week after the agency ruled that it would not pose a risk to villagers' health.

Then developer, Mercia Waste, is now just waiting for final approval from the government before it can go ahead. The development secured planning permission in February.

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The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, initially had 21 days to call in the plans for the EnviRecover plant, but it has emerged that a direction has been put in place to delay the deadline to an unknown date.

The county council cannot formally grant permission until Mr Pickles gives the final go-ahead.

Ray Kirby, chairman of the Wail protest group in Hartlebury, said: "Residents are determined

to fight on in the name of fairness and transparency.

"We knew the Environment Agency would give it a permit, so it comes as no surprise."

"We are in limbo now waiting for a response from Eric Pickles, who is still looking at the planning application because the site is within Green Belt — and we have no idea how long that's going to take."

Mr Kirby added: "The people of Worcestershire should be demanding value for money, and the cheapest most effective methods of waste disposal."

"We believe an incinerator will be by far the most expensive. We hope common sense will prevail."

A member of the Wail group said: "Overall, the engagement the group has had with the Environment Agency has been disappointing. But this move does not signal the end."

Before the environmental permit was granted, the agency held a consultation on the application and sought comments from the Health Protection Agency and the Primary Care Trust, along with members of the public.

### Positive

A statement from the Environment Agency said: "We consider that, in reaching that decision, we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that a high level of protection is provided for the environment and human health."

Janvier Peiro, Mercia Waste director, said: "This is a very positive step forward in the development of EnviRecover."

If the incinerator is built as planned, it will take in up to 200,000 tons of waste from Herefordshire and Worcestershire each year and convert it into up to 15.5 megawatts of electricity — enough to supply 20,000 homes.

Protesters say the development will be a blot on the landscape and the number of lorries carrying waste through the village to the site will make their lives a misery.



Sending their Royal wishes to the happy couple are Holy Trinity School's James Brunt, aged 7, Katerina Bard, 10 and Kit Brocklehurst 10

## Town children give blushing bride Kate a model send-off

CRAFTY schoolchildren in Kidderminster have created a lifesize model of the tomorrow's bride of the century, Kate Middleton.

Pupils at Holy Trinity International School's Prep have been celebrating the Royal Wedding with the help of recycled materials.

The creation by Year 5 and Year 6 pupils also received a helping hand from the younger children after they took part in a pretend wedding feast to discuss how they would create their blushing bride.

### Champagne

Jon Brunt, head of Prep, said: "It is wonderful what they have created from old plastic bottles and papers."

"As we will be on holiday at the time of the Royal Wedding, we wanted the children to be able to take part in the celebrations and use it as an opportunity to tie it in with our integrated arts curriculum."

Hundreds of people are expected in the town centre tomorrow to witness Prince William and Kate Middleton exchanging their vows as the ceremony is shown on a giant screen.

It is part of a day of celebrations planned for the area, with other attractions including a balloon modeller and magician who will be entertaining the crowds.

For the town's businesses there will be a best dressed window competition, and the firm with the winning Royal window will receive a case of champagne from Kidderminster Charter Trustees.

A stage will be erected outside the town hall for live music between noon and 6pm.

For youngsters there will be a bouncy castle at the Bull Ring and the Swan Shopping Centre will lay on a street party.

Town centre manager Jackie Roberts said: "It will be a fantastic family day out."

Unlike neighbouring authorities, Wyre Forest Council is not lifting parking charges tomorrow, although it is a bank holiday.

Bewdley Town Council hosts a Mad Hatters Tea Party in the Jubilee (QE) Gardens at pm. Guests are encouraged to bring their picnics and take part in the theme of Alice in Wonderland, with a prize for the best costume.

Celebrations are also due to take place at Chapel Lodge, Heightington, from 2pm.

## Hat'll do for top prizes

WYRE Forest schoolchildren Charlie Willott and Luke Pitt came out ahead in the Easter bonnet competition run by Kidderminster & District Lions.

The contest was judged by Weavers Wharf manager Jackie Roberts.

Charlie Willott (over-five), who attends St Johns School, and Luke Pitt (under-five), a St Ambrose School pupil, received prizes donated by Pizza Hut and the West Midlands Safari Park.



Winners Charlie Willott, left, and Luke Pitt

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# Union members' perk at Harriers

SOME Kidderminster Harriers fans are being offered discounted tickets under a new deal to lift attendances next season.

Members of the Community Union qualify for £5 off all league matches – a saving of £115 over a season – starting with the last home game this Saturday.

Harriers have entered a partnership with the union, which has already given £1,000 to the club and is planning to buy advertising space around the Aggborough ground, said the union's national operations manager, Terry Pye.

Harriers were saved from insolvency in February.

## Carpet

"We want to help this club because it is part of the community and needs people to get behind it," said Mr Pye, whose union has an office in Callows Lane.

"We have got 2,000 members in the Worcestershire area, many working in the carpet trade in Wyre Forest."

Mr Pye added: "This is the first initiative of its kind anywhere in the UK between a major trade union and a local club. We're hopeful of a big boost in attendances."

A total of 343 season tickets have been sold for 2011/12 so far – and the club is aiming to shift 1,000.

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## Midnight ramblers explore forest



Women line up ready for the fund-raising Midnight Walk around Wyre Forest in June

A WYRE Forest hospice wants women prepared to take part in their Magical Midnight Walk at midsummer.

Kemp Hospice, in Mason Road, Kidderminster, is organising a five-mile walk around the Wyre Forest to help raise much needed funds.

There is no need for maps as the route around the forest will be lit up by glow sticks, giving the forest a magical feel.

There will be music and entertainment before the walk, including belly dancers, fire jugglers and a Jack Sparrow lookalike from Pirates of the Caribbean, and the reward of a bacon or

veggie roll and a glass of buck's fizz at the end.

Kate Wilkinson, of the fundraising team, said: "I always look forward to this fabulous night, the ladies are always such good fun and the atmosphere is brilliant."

The walk is for women only, but men can also get involved by volunteering as marshals.

This is the walk's fourth year, and in 2010 around 700 people raised more than £50,000.

## Important

All the money from the event will go towards patient care, including their new service Hospice at Home, which offers terminally ill people support in their own

home for their last few weeks.

Mrs Wilkinson said: "Fund-raisers are really important for us."

"We need to raise money to keep the hospice going."

The circular walk starts at the Forest Discovery Centre, Callow Hill, at midnight on Saturday, June 25.

For information or to register, visit [www.kemphospice.org.uk](http://www.kemphospice.org.uk) or call 01562 861217.

## Allsopp pulls out all the stops

THE second of the 2011 series of lunchtime recitals at Kidderminster Town Hall features a performance next week by organist Christopher Allsopp. The recital on Thursday, May 5, has been organised by the Hill Organ Promotion Society. The recital starts at 1.10pm, and admission costs £6 (£3 members).

## Band night a tribute to soldier

A WYRE Forest soldier killed in Afghanistan is to be remembered at a gig staged by a band featuring his great uncle next week.

Kidderminster group Lyve Wyre are organising the event for Help for Heroes. The band was formed by four friends whose musical links were forged in the 1960s. They have organised the gig at the Chain Wire Club in Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, on Friday, May 6 from 8pm until midnight.

## Foursome

The foursome will be joined on the night by guest musicians and everyone has given their services free.

Pete Bishop, drummer in the band, is a great uncle of Kidderminster soldier L/Cpl Richard Brandon, who was killed in 2009 when his vehicle hit an explosive device in Helmand province.

The band also performed at the ruby anniversary celebration of L/Cpl Brandon's parents, Anne and Geoff Brandon, at the same venue in 2008. Mr Bishop, a retired loom tuner who spent



L/Cpl Richard Brandon and fiancée Emma-Jayne Webster

46 years at Brintons carpet factory in Kidderminster, said: "Help for Heroes is a charity that is very much worth supporting and you can have a rocking good night."

The venue holds about 180 and the event aims to raise £1,440. Tickets cost £8 with all proceeds going to Help for Heroes. Tickets are available from Rich Yates on 07882 499597 or Terry Garbett on 07711 663349.

## Alert as gardens and sheds raided

POLICE in Wyre Forest are urging householders to review their garden and shed security following several thefts.

The latest incidents include the theft on April 19 of two sets of garden furniture, worth more than £600, from rden in Rectory Lane, Rock, between midnight and 8.30am.

Pc Steve Yapp, Local Policing Officer for Bewdley, said: "We are eager to hear from anyone

who may have seen any vehicles parked in unusual circumstances in the area."

"The offenders would have needed a van or large vehicle."

## Unsecured

A black cast iron bird house was reported stolen from a garden in Hawford Avenue, Kidderminster.

West Mercia Police would like to hear from anyone who may have seen it or been offered it for sale.

Police are urging people to be on their guard against metal thieves and review the security of their gardens and sheds.

Around 1,500 shed burglaries take place every year within the West Mercia force area.

## Focus on skills with cameras

ASPIRING photographers in Wyre Forest are focusing on a new class launched next week.

The £50 course is at Bishops Wood Environmental Centre, Crossway Green, Stourport, on Saturday, May 7.

Learners are asked to bring their own cameras to learn the basics.

## Tutor

The workshop runs from 10am to 4pm. In the morning, photographers will be shown how to use camera controls.

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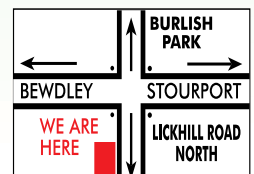
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### Ron chronicles life of old grammar school

THE author of a new book on Hartlebury's old grammar school was introduced to guests at the 82nd annual dinner of The Hartlebury Old Elizabethans Association.

More than 80 old boys, former masters and guests attended the dinner in the main hall of the New Elizabethan School, successor to the grammar school which closed in 1977.

Ron Freeman has written The School on the Hill, which chronicles the history of the grammar school from its earliest beginnings before the grant-

ing of a charter by Queen Elizabeth I in 1559 through four centuries up to its closure and its present use today as The New Elizabethan School.

The book, the publication of which was facilitated by the association, was produced by Rotary Printers of Stourport.

#### Different

Copies of the book will be available in both Kidderminster and Stourport libraries and can be purchased from through the association on www.hoea.org.uk or from Rotary Printers.

The president of the association, Terry Allsop, announced



Terry Allsop, author Ron Freeman, Teri Baron, managing director of Rotary Printers, and Geoff Thorp, vice-president

that, during the year, the association had provided a number of bursaries to local students and was delighted to be able to present Peter Pratt (Stourport High School) and Tim Whitwam (New Elizabethan School) with their awards at

the dinner held on April 16. Guest speaker for the evening was Nicolas Young, who told anecdotes from his career in the UK Border Agency in many different areas of the world. Mr Young is an Old Elizabethan (1973-77).

## Boozing louts to face purge

A NEW operation aimed at tackling alcohol-related disorder and violence has been launched in north Worcestershire.

Operation Viscount is taking place at weekends in Kidderminster, Stourport, Bewdley, Bromsgrove and Redditch.

It involves high visibility foot patrols on Friday and Saturday nights between 8pm and 4am.

Officers are carrying out checks at pubs and clubs and communicating with pub staff via Pubwatch radios. Officers are equipped with body-worn cameras to assist in the collection of evidence.

Sgt Bjorn Havinga, of West Mercia Police, said: "Eleven per cent of violent crime happens in town centres between 6pm and 6am, with the vast majority occurring between midnight and 4am on Saturday and Sunday mornings."

"And there are up to five times as many violent crimes reported on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday than on a Thursday."

#### Effective

"With the evenings getting lighter and warmer, and a number of public holidays over the next few weeks, including the Royal Wedding and May Day, the towns are likely to be busy in the evenings."

"We just want to ensure that everyone has a good time, in safety."

Sgt Havinga added that police had good relationships with many licensees.

Pubwatch schemes exist in Wyre Forest, Bromsgrove and Redditch, which have resulted in offenders being given long bans from pubs within those towns. These are regarded as a highly effective tool in dealing with repeat offenders.

He said: "By tackling minor incidents of disorder early on, we hope it will prevent more serious incidents occurring later, and we hope the high visibility patrols will reassure both pub and club staff and customers. We want to ensure that people can enjoy nights about without fear or threat of violence."

As well as arrests, options include using Section 27 notices which enable officers to direct people to leave an area, and penalty notices of up to £80, giving a clear message that alcohol-related disorder will not be tolerated.

#### Books sale at church

A WRIBBENHALL church hosts its monthly nearly new book sale on Monday, May 9.

Jigsaws and games will also be for sale at All Saints Church, Birmingham Road, between 10am and 12.30pm. Entrance is free.

### Peer wants walkers back on his estate

PARKLAND surrounding a stately home near Kidderminster could be reopened to the public by 2013 to raise vital funds for its upkeep.

Viscount Cobham, whose family has owned Hagley Hall and its 350-acre estate for more than 250 years, says he has long held ambitions to reopen the park to visitors. It was closed to the public by a previous Lord Cobham in the 1980s following vandalism attacks.

The peer has begun talks with conservationists about the viability of creating a series of walks around the parkland.

### Cycle workshop opens



Chris Gibbs, Emily Jordan's mother Sarah, Kidderminster Mayor Jeffrey Baker and MP Mark Garnier celebrate the opening

A BIKE workshop in Kidderminster which teaches youngsters with learning disabilities skills to help find work is celebrating the opening of its new base.

The ribbon was cut at the new premises of Spokes, at Finepoint Way, off Stourport Road. The foundation was set up in 2008 as a tribute to 21-year-old Emily Jordan, from Trimpey, near Bewdley, who drowned while riverboarding in New Zealand.

#### Estates

The organisation is part of The Emily Jordan Foundation and is supported by fundraising and grants. It aims to help youngsters with moderate learning difficulties - Emily's brother Alex has learning difficulties.

The opening last Saturday was attended by her mother and father, Sarah and Chris, along with Kidderminster's mayor, Councillor Jeffrey Baker, and



Emily Jordan

Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier. Spokes helps youngsters with learning difficulties to pick up skills by repairing and restoring bikes donated by the public which can then be sold on.

The youngsters also take their skills into schools and estates, helping children to repair or improve the safety of their bikes.

### Robbery attempt of iPod on train

A TRAIN passenger was punched in the face and had his clothing ripped in a failed robbery attempt near Kidderminster.

The victim, aged 21, was travelling from Smethwick Galton Bridge to Droitwich. As the train approached Kidderminster station, a hooded man struck up conversation with him before starting to make threats and demanding his iPod.

The thug then punched him several times and tried to snatch the iPod from his pocket, ripping his trousers.

#### Attacker

De Dan Hart, of British Transport Police, said: "The would-be thief got off the train at Kidderminster."

"I would ask anyone who was on the train and saw what happened, or has any information which they think may assist the investigation, to come forward."

The attacker was white, in his late teens or early 20s, thin, around 5ft 9in, clean-shaven, with short, dark hair.

Anyone with information can call British Transport Police on 0800 405040, quoting incident B5 of 20/04/2011, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

### Invitation to family race fans

FIRST-time and elite runners are invited to take part in The Cobra Classic run near Kidderminster next month.

The event, organised by Cobra Running & Triathlon Club, takes place on Sunday, May 15, at Old Halesonians Rugby Club, Wassell Grove, Hagley.

Runners can choose between a 10km race or a 3.5km fun run for five-year-olds and above.

#### Fitness

Runners set off at 10.30am or 10.15am for the fun run. All entrants are advised to register about an hour.

Race organiser Chris Pearson said: "Cobra's motto is 'Running for Fitness, Running for Fun'."

"The classic is certainly in keeping with that. All are welcome to come and join us at this event, which will be well marshalled by Cobra."

More information is available at www.cobra.co.uk.

### Hundreds rush to give opinion on homes bid

MORE than 680 people have spoken out over plans to build up to 400 homes near Kidderminster. A 54-acre site off the A456 Birmingham road at Hagley has been earmarked by Bromsgrove District Council, which hopes to attract private developers. A

Hagley Parish Council chair Steve Colella said: "People are concerned about Hagley's continual development, about schools unable to take more pupils, and about road capacity."

WEST Mercia Police have appealed for information on an assault outside a pub in Kidderminster. One of the two men involved in the incident sustained minor injuries between 8.9.30pm on Sunday, April 10, at the Hare and Hounds, Stourbridge Road.

### Pub attack witnesses sought



# We'll meet again at 1940s rail day

AN HISTORIC railway in Wyre Forest is to turn back the clock to the 1940s for two weekends of activities.

The popular 1940s weekends will be held at Severn Valley Railway on June 25 and 26 and July 2 and 3.

## Weekend of energy savings

HOMEOWNERS in Bewdley are being given the chance to tour the renewable energy installations in place across the town.

Transition Bewdley will host the tours, on Saturday and Sunday May 7-8, aiming to teach people the best ways to save money and the planet.

With a question and answer session and open forum at the Bewdley Development Trust meeting room, expert installers of renewable technologies will provide further a further insight into the technologies.

### Pumps

Key renewable installations on show will include solar thermal water heating, solar photovoltaic panels, and ground source heat pumps.

The first tour will take place from 10am until 1pm followed by an afternoon session from 2-5pm. To book a place contact Bewdley Development Trust on info@bewdley.org.uk or 01299 405516.

A beach will be created at the attraction with real sand, and there will be events including Punch and Judy shows, performances of magic and children's rides between August 27 until August 29.

The railway, which runs from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth, via Bewdley, turns its attentions to the 1960s on May 20-22.

Visitors are being invited to dress as mods or rockers for the event which will feature tribute bands performing the music of The Beatles, The Who and The Kinks under the glass canopy at the station.

### Notorious

There will also be a show featuring a range of 1960s fashions and an exhibition of popular children's toys from the period, including Meccano and Scalextric.

Vintage Morris Minor cars will also line up and steam trains from the period will also be visiting.

Among the star attractions will be one of the travelling Post Office coaches involved in the notorious Great Train Robbery of 1963.

For more information log on to the www.svr.co.uk website.

## Help start the rot



Christopher Atkinson with a compost bin

HOUSEHOLDERS in Wyre Forest are being encouraged to start saving and wasting less during Compost Awareness Week.

Experts from Worcestershire County Council will be hitting the road throughout the week from May 1-7 to pass on their top tips and demonstrate how home composting is good for the environment, for the garden and the wallet.

The team will be passing on their knowledge and answering any

questions during Discover Bewdley Weekend on May 1-2, between 10am and 5pm.

Kidderminster Town Hall hosts a roadshow on May 5 from 10am-2pm.

### Prevent

Prices starting at £13 on models with an RRP of £39.

Christopher Atkinson, county senior waste prevention officer, said: "By composting at home people can prevent one third of waste going to landfill."

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### Minister touring projects

CAROLINE Spelman, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, has been briefed by Wyre Forest Council officers on ReWyre, the ambitious regeneration programme for Kidderminster.

Ken Harrison, policy and regeneration manager at the council said: "It was good to have the opportunity to brief a senior member of the Government on how the council worked closely with local business and other partners to develop a vision for the future economic development of the area."

ReWyre is at the core of our drive for economic growth, and securing the economic prosperity of the district."

### Man faces court over 10,000 pills

A MAN is to appear in court on drugs charges next Thursday after the seizure of more than 10,000 tablets in Kidderminster.

Tablets containing TFMPP, a Class C drug associated with ecstasy, were confiscated after police were called to an incident in Avon Road on January 11 and carried out a search at a property nearby.

A 24-year-old man was charged on April 19 with production of cannabis and possession of a Class C drug with intent to supply and was bailed to appear before Kidderminster magistrates.

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## Woman robbed by gang

A WOMAN discovered her wallet had been taken after she was knocked to the ground by three youths in Kidderminster.

Police appealed for witnesses and information following the incident which happened shortly after 11am on Tuesday, April 19, in an alleyway between Hawford Avenue and Wordsworth Crescent.

A woman in her 50s walking through the alley saw three youths coming towards her from Wordsworth Crescent and was knocked over by them as they passed.

## Tracksuit

Two youths helped her to her feet. She realised a few minutes later that her wallet, containing a bank card and several hundred pounds, was missing.

The youths were all white, slim, and appeared to be in their mid to late teens. One was wearing a white T-shirt with blue tracksuit bottoms and had cropped hair with a scar on the top of his head. Another was wearing a multi-coloured T-shirt.

West Mercia Police said: "She is extremely distressed and also hurt one arm, a shoulder and a hip."

## Tea at Ritz for winners

HOUSEHUNTERS in Kidderminster are being given the chance to win a lavish weekend in London.

Miller Homes, at Badgers Dene, is offering couples afternoon tea at the Ritz and a night in a hotel to mark the Royal Wedding. Register before 11am tomorrow at [www.millerhomes.co.uk](http://www.millerhomes.co.uk).

## Village's parish tax 'rise' storm

ANGRY members of Hartlebury Parish Council have claimed that their district council "misled" taxpayers over the 2011 parish charges.

For the fourth year running, the parish precept remains at £22,100.

But Wychavon District Council,

which sends a breakdown of costs to households in the area, has shown a 0.2 per cent increase.

The district council said the figures presented were accurate and the rise was due to changes in the number of band D properties in the area receiving discounts or reductions.

This has resulted in the precept being divided between a lower number of households in the band D bracket.

Jo Hyrons, Hartlebury Parish Council clerk, questioned why this was not made clearer to tax-payers.

"As a parish we are very good with our financial housekeeping, illustrated by the fact that there has been no increase in our precept for the year," she said.

"The details on the form they are very misleading and it should have explained why the increase was only added on to the parish council's sum."

"Parishioners are angry and annoyed with Wychavon because the lack of clarification makes it seem we are the only area to overspend, which taints our work and good financial diligence."

## Reflected

A spokesperson for Wychavon Council said: "Hartlebury set the same precept as in the previous year but because of a decrease in the amount of properties in Band D equivalent due to changes in discounts, this inevitably has resulted in fewer properties sharing the parish council's precept."

"This is reflected in the calculation, which shows a 0.2 per cent increase about a 3p rise per Band D household."



Five the African elephant gets a cooling down from her keeper, Lewis Hodson

## Welcome April showers for Five

FIVE the elephant is enjoying keeping cool with regular hosedowns from keeper Lewis Hodson at West Midland Safari Park.

She relishes relaxing in the spray from a high-power hose as part of her routine to signal a sunny start of summer at the animal park tourist attraction near Bewdley.

## Endangered

Five is an African elephant rescued from South Africa after her herd was culled in 1998.

Also enjoying basking in the sunshine at the safari

park in Bewdley is three-week-old April the Bactrian camel who, with her mother Dawn, has been turning heads as they wander among visitors' cars at the park.

Native to the Steppes of central Asia, they are able to withstand wide variations in temperature from freezing cold to blistering heat.

Although there are estimated to be 1.4 million Bactrian camels, most are domesticated.

The species only number 500 to 800 in the wild and it is classified as critically endangered.



Camels April and Dawn



Olivia Trivett, left, Alicia Mann, Tracy Sadler, Gemma Davies and Edyta Jeger

## Young dancers' stately progress

KIDDERMINSTER College's HND Dance students have secured agreement from three of the Midlands' grandest stately homes to host their end of year performance.

National Trust properties Hanbury Hall, near

Droitwich, Charlecote Park, near Stratford, and Croft Castle, near Leominster, provide stunning backdrops for Restricted – which comprises three contemporary and one ballet piece.

All performances will be

open to the public during May. Details of specific dates and times will be posted against the individual properties on the National Trust website and will also be available on Kidderminster College's website in May.

## Electorate increases by 600

THE voting population of Wyre Forest has increased by more than 600 since last year.

The electoral register now stands at 77,776 compared to the elections in May 2010.

Wyre Forest Council has announced that the number of people registered to vote in the local elections and referendum next Thursday has increased by over 640 people or about 0.8 per cent compared to the elections held in May 2010.

Ian Miller, electoral registration officer, said "The number on the electoral register now stands at 77,776, up from 77,133 a year ago."

"There has been faster growth in the number of people choosing to vote by post, and 10,848 have chosen to vote by post, a rise of more than four per cent to 2010."

Postal voting packs were due to be delivered to them from April 19 onwards."

The polls on May 5 are being held to elect 14 councillors for the district council and to elect parish councillors in Bewdley West, Blakedown, Stourport-on-Severn and Wolverley, together with the national referendum about the Alternative Voting system for Parliamentary elections.

## Police arrest on assault charge

A MAN of 19 is to appear before Kidderminster magistrates next Thursday charged with assaulting a police officer who had been called to an incident involving females near the Glades leisure centre.

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The Baby Show with Fisher-Price takes place from May 20-22 and the organiser has teamed up with the Chronicle's series to give 20 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets.

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Tickets are on sale now for The Baby Show and are available from The Ticket Factory on 0844 338 8000 or online at [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com). Head to [www.thebabyshow.co.uk](http://www.thebabyshow.co.uk) for full details.

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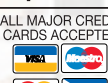
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## Agony, but we can be proud of Harriers lads

**TOUGH** break for the Harriers this week. After a very emotional season, to just miss the promotion race is nothing short of heartbreaking.

But I think it's worth looking back on this season as one of their proudest, where fans and players came together in the club's hardest time. To finish where they have, considering all that went on, is genuinely a testament to just how gosh-darn good they are. Well done, lads.

We've got lots going on with the Royal Wedding festivities, and there's plenty to look forward to heading into May - not to mention another two bank holidays.

The 2011 Rock Pound The Bounds takes place this Sunday, May 1. You can do the full 25-mile walk around the parish boundary or choose a shorter option from three miles up to 18 miles.

The registration desk will be open from 8am at the Rock Cross Inn, and the entry fee is £5, or £2.50 for youngsters.

The money raised will go to the upkeep of Rock Village Hall and Millennium Green.

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Wolverley's May Day celebrations take place on Sunday at the church hall and field from noon until 3pm. There'll be craft stalls, games, refreshments and dancing displays. Girls from the area are invited to enter the competition to become a rosebud, May princess or the May queen.

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### WEATHER UPDATE

A COOL and damp Royal Wedding day is set to be, followed by a similarly disappointing Saturday. Sunday, however, looks set to be more cheerful, and Monday is set to be dry and sunny, confounding the usual bank holiday gloom for the second week in a row after Easter Monday's scorcher.



## Sophie pals up with her TV rivals

FROM a plumber-cum-podium dancer, to a psychic care worker, Come Dine With Me found an eclectic group of people on its visit to the Midlands last year.

Despite fireworks over the four days of feasting, Sophie Robbins, from Iwerley, near Kidderminster, Amanda Challoner, from Wednesbury, Ian Jones, of Kingswinford, and Khakan Qureshi, from Bearwood, found they actually liked each other.

So just over 12 months on, the contestants from the Channel 4 show met up for a reunion, with someone else doing the cooking at Birmingham's TGI Friday's.

### Lifestyles

Estate agent Amanda, a mother-of-one, said: "I kept getting stopped in Merry Hill by people calling my name. I loved it. I'd go on again in a second."

Since appearing on Come Dine With Me, Sophie, aged 25, has had a baby daughter, Sunny-Rae, but is as busy as ever, plumbing by day and working in a pub and as a dancer and fire eater by night.

She said: "As a group I don't think we were half as bad as some I have seen on the show, although we were all very different."

The show is famous for the sarcastic narrator Dave Lamb, but no-one felt they got more than they bargained for.

The group is unanimous in having no regrets about doing the show - and have become something of celebrities in the Midlands.

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A449 Worcester Road has one lane closed and a 40mph speed restriction at School Bank until May 15.

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# From the stands to the steppes

## Albion fan a star on Russia TV

**Y**ou might not have heard of Kate Partridge. But for millions of Russians around the world, she is a household name.

Her mother lives near Kidderminster, she grew up in the Black Country, but she has been a fixture on RT – the huge country's first English-language news channel, Russia Today – for more than two years.

Born in Sandwell General Hospital, Kate attended Kingswinford School and King Edward VI Sixth Form College, Stourbridge.

### Culture

She worked as a sports journalist for the Daily Mail, ITV and Chelsea TV before the opportunity to move to Russia came up in 2009.

Kate says: "I can't explain it, but I've always known that, at some point, I would live in Russia – I even did Russian GCSE at night school."

"Moscow is a fascinating city and not as I'd imagined while growing up in England. It never sleeps. There are so many shops and lots of clubs and bars are 24-hour or serve until you leave."

"The ring road around the centre can have up to 16 lanes of traffic and is never quiet. There's also enough history, culture, architecture and beauty here to keep any connoisseur entertained."



From Russia, with love for the Baggies – Kate Partridge

"There's more English spoken than you might think; the street signs in the centre are written in English as well and there are global and western brands – not just McDonald's and Starbucks – everywhere."

Kate, who is in her 30s, is a studio-based presenter at RT, hosting bulletins every two hours during the afternoon and

evening news bulletin. She also appears in a magazine show called Prime Time Russia every weekday evening at 8pm as well as hosting live events, such as the announcement of Russia's successful 2018 World Cup bid.

Kate says: "Our reporters go to major events like the Olympics and World Cup as well as following the Russian national football

**A Kidderminster woman's daughter, Kate Partridge, has made her way from the stands at West Brom to more than 200 million front rooms as a sports presenter in Russia. She speaks to ANDREW MCGILL**

team. The Russians love sport – the biggest across the country are football and ice hockey."

RT broadcasts from Moscow and Washington to 100 countries across five continents. More than 400 million viewers have access to the channel, broadcast via 21 satellites and 176 cable networks, and can claim to have been seen in half those homes.

The wide reach means Kate's family – including her mother and step-father, Jennie and Rob Granger, who live near Kidderminster – can easily keep up with her progress.

She said: "Judging by the text messages, they definitely do watch me."

Kate caught the bug for sport in the stands at The Hawthorns.

### Young

She says: "I'm a West Brom fan because it is in the blood. I was born in West Bromwich, and my entire family and extended family has supported the club since it started out in 1878."

"It wouldn't have crossed my mind to support any other club – I think my father would have disowned me."

"I can't remember my first match as I was too young, but I can just about remember being held up in the crowd for the day when Bryan Robson, Remi Moses and Ron Atkinson said goodbye to The Hawthorns before going to Manchester United."

"I'll never forget my first impression of The Hawthorns: the volume of people, the noise, the excitement, the banter, the tension – it was unlike anything I'd experienced. I thought it was brilliant, exciting and addictive. And that was before the football started."

Kate said keeping up with the Baggies'



Albion supporter Kate Partridge, whose mother lives near Kidderminster progress is rarely a problem in Moscow.

She says: "There are numerous sports bars that receive satellite channels from around the world, so I have as much chance of watching West Brom here as I do when I'm in England."

"The Russians also love the English Premier League as well as watching their own and the other European foot-

ball leagues, so I rarely miss a match unless I'm working."

Kate is confident the Baggies will continue to thrive in the Premier League. She says: "If Albion continue playing the way they are, they should avoid the drop."

"Roy Hodgson officially joined West Brom on Valentine's Day – and he is definitely enjoying a love affair with the Baggies fans."

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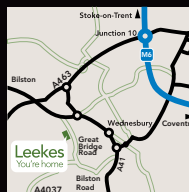
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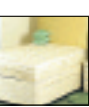
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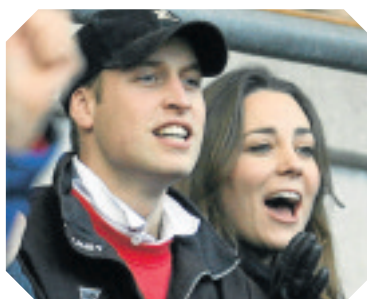
LEFT: Prince William and Kate Middleton wave as they pass St Salvator's halls, during a visit to St Andrew's University and (above) Kate at her graduation



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ABOVE: Leaving the wedding of their friends Harry Mead and Rosie Bradford in the village of Northleach, Gloucestershire

RIGHT: Prince William and Kate Middleton are jubilant as England's Jason Robinson scores the first try during their Six Nations international rugby union match against Italy at Twickenham in 2007



## How love grew

CATHERINE Elizabeth "Kate" Middleton grew up in Berkshire and, after attending Marlborough College, went to the University of St Andrews, where she met Prince William, also studying there, in 2001.

And it was at that university that the two first met and got to know each other. Kate Middleton was one of Prince William's flatmates and they began dating in 2003.

Once the relationship became known they attracted massive media attention, triggering complaints by Kate that the media were harassing her.

In April 2007, the press reported that William and Kate had split up. They continued to be friends, and later in 2007 they reunited. Since then, she has attended many high-profile royal events. She has been admired for her fashion sense and has been placed on numerous "best-dressed" lists.

Since her relationship with Prince William began, Kate has received widespread media attention and there was much speculation that they would eventually marry.

### Ring

On November 16, 2010, the office of the Prince of Wales at Clarence House announced their engagement. Prince William revealed that he had proposed to his girlfriend using the engagement ring that belonged to his mother.

The date and location of the wedding were announced one week later.

In no time commemorative coins, porcelain plates and all kinds of Royal Wedding items appeared and the Royal love story story now features in a splashy comic book, a made-for-TV film and stamps to commemorate the Royal Wedding.

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- ♥ **10.38am: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall leave Clarence House for Westminster Abbey**
- ♥ 10.40am: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh leave Buckingham Palace for Westminster Abbey
- ♥ **10.48am: The bridesmaids and pages leave the Goring Hotel for Westminster Abbey**
- ♥ 10.51am: Kate Middleton, accompanied by her father, Michael, leaves the Goring Hotel for Westminster Abbey
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Mark Radcliffe – music and stories

## Radcliffe – feeling good with Heroes

BBC Radio broadcaster Mark Radcliffe is bringing his mix of music and stories to Wolverhampton Slade Rooms on May 15.

He will be reading extracts from his new book, *Reelin' In The Years*, as well as playing tracks from his band The Malone Family and his solo album, *What Remains Of The Day*.

The book charts Radcliffe's musical life, with a chosen song for each of his 52 years, ranging from Cliff Richard to Joy Division and The Smiths to Elbow.

### Book

Radcliffe said: "It was really hard to pick a song from each year. I chose Move It by Cliff Richard for the first year because it was the first rock 'n' roll record I heard."

He will also debut songs from his new album, which he says has a more intimate feel compared to the music he writes with his band.

He said: "Writing and recording solo is much like writing a book, you have to be

confident in your ability. This album feels much more intimate."

The broadcaster has been playing tunes on BBC Radio stations for over 20 years, and now resides on 6 Music with his long-time broadcasting partner Stuart Maconie, as well as having his own show on Radio 2. Despite huge changes to the music industry over the years, Radcliffe believes radio is still an important part of the business.

He said: "Radio offers listeners a personal connection by being able to text in or phone in and influence the show. It also gives them somewhere to hear new music. I'll never stop looking for new bands. I always think someone, somewhere is making my next favourite album."

His favourite song to play on the radio is French Disco by Stereolab, but admits one of his favourite songs ever is Heroes by David Bowie.

He added: "Whenever I hear it I feel better, it makes you think you could be a hero."

By Jon Pritchard

# Cunning treatment of Mr Fox favourite



Nicholas Merryweather, right, as Mr Fox

FANTASTIC Mr Fox, Roald Dahl's comic children's tale about foxes versus farmers, gets the operatic treatment at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre next week.

English Touring Opera present the furry fantasy on Monday. Cunnning Mr Fox (played by exciting young baritone Nicholas Merryweather) takes on three pitiless farmers and their determined digger (played by mezzo-soprano Fiona Kimm) to save his family... and maybe bag some poultry into the bargain.

The production, directed by ETO's award-winning artistic associate Tim Yealand, features professional soloists alongside 21 local school children from East Park Junior School and Woden Primary School who play fox cubs and a chorus of trees.

ETO's production is the UK premiere of the full version of Tobias Picker's adaptation of Roald Dahl's short story, with a libretto by

Donald Sturrock. ETO completes its spring season at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre with a performance featuring two, one-hour long Puccini operas on Tuesday.

These two short works, *Il tabarro* and *Gianni Schicchi* are contrasting masterpieces. *Il tabarro* is a moody, grotesque thriller that takes place on a barge in Paris and Gianni Schicchi, is a sparkling Florentine comedy featuring popular tenor Nicholas Sherratt, who last performed as Ernesto in Don Pasquale with ETO on their spring 2010 tour.

The actors will prance a lot and shrubs will be sought in *Monty Python's Spamalot*, a rib-tickling musical spoof of Arthurian legend and West End showbiz, which ends its run



Scene from the Fantastic Mr Fox operatic performance

at the Grand on Saturday. Playing King Arthur is Phill Jupitus, abetted by Tod Carty as the put-upon servant Patsy.

Michael Jackson tribute show *Thriller Live*, featuring Birmingham Pop Idol finalist Hayley Evetts, continues at Birmingham Hippodrome to Saturday night. Comedian **Eddie Griffin** teams up with fellow comics **Richard Blackwood**, just before taking up his role as Donkey in *Shrek The Musical*, and **Eddie Kadi** and Kevin J at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Sunday night.

Then the same venue hosts gospel comedy **Prodi Gyal** on Monday evening. The nation's most popular TV scientist Brian Cox joins his co-presenter from BBC

Radio 4's Infinite Monkey Cage, Robin Ince, for a night of galactic science at the New Alex next Thursday (May 5), entitled **Uncaged Monkeys**.

Claire Sweeney stars in a revamped version of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's **Tell Me On A Sunday** at Stoke's Regent Theatre to Saturday.

It features 'Take That Look Off Your Face' and new song 'Dreams Never Run On Time'.

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By Leon Burakowski

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## Choice



### NURSE JACKIE

BBC2, 10.45pm

Dark comedy following the exploits of Jackie Peyton, a strong-willed emergency room nurse who works at a busy New York hospital and has a weakness for prescription drugs. The nurse is back at work following an abortive family holiday and finds herself at odds with relatives, friends and co-workers after her indiscretions. However, to make matters worse, the drug dealer she conned is seeking revenge. Starring Edie Falco and Eve Best. Last in the series.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The concluding session of the first semi-final. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **5.25** Don't Scare the Hare. Game show, hosted by Jason Bradbury.

**6.00** Doctor Who. Part two of two. The Doctor launches a revolution against the invading aliens.

**6.45** So You Think You Can Dance. Cat Deeley introduces the remaining contestants, who take to the stage once again as couples, hoping to avoid elimination by impressing the judges and winning viewers' votes.

**8.00** The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

**8.50** So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the lowest votes perform again.

**9.20** Casualty. Polly's life hangs in the balance.

**10.10** BBC News: Weather.

**10.30** Match of the Day: National Lottery Update.

**11.45** The Football League Show: Weatherview.

**1.10** Sign Zone: The Royal Wedding. (R) **2.40** Giles & Sue's Royal Wedding. (R) **3.40** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Coast. (R) **12.15** Film: Citizen Kane. (1941) Oscar-winning drama, starring Orson Welles. **2.15** Film: The Magnificent Ambersons. (1942) Period drama, with Joseph Cotten. **3.45** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The fourth and final session of the first semi-final. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

**6.30** Dad's Army. Mainwaring appears in court. (R)

**7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the second semi-final reaches a conclusion at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the fourth and final session takes place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

**9.30** Have I Got a Bit More Old News For You. Satirical quiz. (R)

**10.15** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. Alan Davies and Katy Brand join the presenter in Maidstone. Last in the series. (R)

**10.45** Nurse Jackie. The nurse finds herself at odds with her family. Last in the series.

**11.15** Later with Jools Holland. With PJ Harvey, Lykke Li and the Unthanks. (R)

**12.15** Film: Before Sunrise. (1995) Drama, with Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy. **1.55** Film: Anna M. (2007) Premiere. Drama, with Isabelle Carré. **3.35** Close.

## ITV1

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **12.10** This Morning: Saturday. **1.10** ITV News: Weather. **1.15** Monk. **2.15** You've Been Framed! Funniest 100. (R) **3.15** Film: Live and Let Die. (1973) **5.30** Regional Programmes. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

**6.00** New People Do the Funniest Things. New series. A selection of viewer-submitted comical clips, including unusual world records, wedding disasters and an underwater dinner party.

**7.00** Sing if You Can. Mikey Graham, Lisa Maxwell and Rodney Marsh take on Ray Quinn, Darren Gough and Camilla Kerslake in the celebrity singing challenge.

**8.00** Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host another round of auditions, as judges Amanda Holden, Michael McIntyre and David Hasselhoff continue their search for the nation's most impressive performers.

**9.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Ann Widdecombe. The former MP discusses her career and personal life.

**10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** FILM: Dirty Harry. (1971) Police thriller, starring Clint Eastwood.

**12.15** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** Swintown. (R) **3.00** ITV News: Weather. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

## Channel 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British Formula 3 International Series. **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Koko Pop. **10.00** T4: Friends. (R) **10.30** T4: Glee. **11.30** T4: Great British Hairdresser. **12.30** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

**6.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **6.30** Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv. **7.00** River Cottage Best Bites. A collection of recipes for autumn and winter. (R)

**8.00** Kate and William: Romance and the Royals. David Starkey puts the royal wedding in historical context. (R)

**9.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

**10.20** Stand Up for the Week. **11.05** FILM: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery. (1997) Spoof spy adventure, starring Mike Myers.

**1.00** Film: Secretary. (2002) Comedy drama, starring Maggie Gyllenhaal. **2.50** Shapes. (R) **2.55** Home Country. (R) **3.00** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. (R) **3.05** Hello Boys. (R) **4.00** Running in Heels. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

## Channel 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. **10.10** The Gadgets Show. (R) **11.10** Ice Road Trainers. (R) **12.05** Film: King of Kings. (1961) Biblical epic, starring Jeffrey Hunter. **3.10** Film: Ben-Hur. (1959) Oscar-winning epic, with Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd.

**7.15** 5 News Weekend. **7.20** NCIS. Gibbs tries to extract information from a convict on death row about where he hid his victims – but the killer proves reluctant to confess. (R)

**8.15** CSI: Grissom's Greatest. An apparent Mob assassination leaves five people dead, and a deaf man is killed in what initially seems to have been a car accident – until evidence of foul play comes to light. (R)

**9.10** CSI: Miami. Two suspicious deaths occur on the same day, but initially seem unconnected – until Horatio discovers a crusading TV show had recently exposed both victims as paedophiles. (R)

**10.10** CSI: NY. A popular schoolgirl is murdered.

**11.10** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

**12.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## Digital

**ITV2**  
**3.15** Film: The Polar Express (2004) **5.10** Film: Robots (2005) **7.00** Homes from Hell **8.00** My Child Won't Eat **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: The Whole Ten Yards (2004)

**ITV3**  
**2.30** Wallis and Edward **4.20** Downton Abbey **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.15** A Touch of Frost

**ITV4**  
**11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Delhi DareDevils and Kolkata Knight Riders v Kings XI Punjab. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **10.00** Ultimate Force **11.35** Film: Queen of the Damned (2002)

**BBC THREE**  
**7.00** Doctor Who Confidential **7.45** Pop's Greatest Dance Craze **7.50** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) **11.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.45** Family Guy

**BBC FOUR**  
**7.00** Tiger – Spy in the Jungle **8.00** If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home **9.00** Spiral **10.50** Top of the Pops: 1976 **11.20** The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – The True Story

**E4**  
**1.25** Hollyoaks **4.00** Make It or Break It **4.55** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: 30 Days of Night (2007)

**FILM4**  
**3.25** Zulu (1964) **6.10** The Abyss (1989) **8.55** 4 Films For **9.00** Slumdog Millionaire (2008) Oscar-winning drama, starring Dev Patel, Freida Pinto and Anil Kapoor. **11.20** Alien (1979) Sci-fi horror, starring Sigourney Weaver.

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## Choice



### TIME TEAM

Channel 4, 5.30pm

Tony Robinson and John Gater chart the rise and development of geophysics technology since the archaeology programme's first dig in 1994. The presenters reflect on some of the most memorable discoveries made using geophysics, before Tony decides to test how precise the technology has become by challenging John to identify 10 objects buried in a field.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.45** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.25** Regional Programme. **4.55** Points of View. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**6.15** Land Girls. Connie discovers more about the piano player. (R)

**7.00** Countryfile. Julia Bradbury, Matt Baker and Katie Knapman visit Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire to learn more about the importance of spring in the west of England.

**8.00** Antiques Roadshow. More valuables are inspected at Winchester Cathedral.

**9.00** Exile. New series. Psychological thriller, starring John Simm.

**10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**10.25** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Arsenal v Manchester United.

**11.45** The Sky at Night. A gigantic storm in Saturn's atmosphere.

**12.05** Film: Wah-Wah. (2006) Coming-of-age drama, with Nicholas Hoult and Miranda Richardson; Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** Churches: How to Read Them. (R) **4.15** One Man and His Campervan. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** MasterChef: The Final Three. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Portuguese Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

**6.00** Davis v Taylor: The '85 Black Ball Final. Colin Murray presents a look back at the final of the 1985 World Snooker Championship between Dennis Taylor and Steve Davis. (R)

**7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, featuring the second session of the final and a scheduled nine frames. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

**11.00** FILM: Shine. (1996) Biopic of David Helfgott, the talented but fragile Australian pianist overwhelmed by the pressure of his father's obsession with success. With Geoffrey Rush and Armin Mueller-Stahl.

**12.40** Film: Resting Place. (1986) Racial tension in a Deep South town disrupts the burial of a black soldier, while an officer becomes suspicious about how he died. Drama, starring John Lithgow and Morgan Freeman. **2.15** BBC News. **4.45** The Super League Show. Action from the latest Super League fixtures.

## ITV1

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Sing if You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Columbo: Murder by the Book. (1971) **3.10** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.10** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007).

**6.00** Regional Programmes.

**6.10** ITV News; Weather.

**6.30** The Cube. A dance teacher and a skateboarding coach take up the challenge.

**7.30** Coronation Street. Steve and Tracy take Amy to Blackpool for the day.

**8.00** Vera. New series. Brenda Blethyn stars in the first of four murder mysteries as DCI Vera Stanhope, who tracks down killers with the help of sidekick DS Joe Ashworth (David Leon).

**10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather.

**10.15** Perspectives: Andrew Lloyd Webber - A Passion for the Pre-Raphaelites. The composer discusses his love for the 19th-century artists.

**11.15** Surgery School. Ten doctors take part in a surgical training course. (R)

**12.15** Dating the Enemy. (R) **12.40** The Zone: ITV News Headlines. **2.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

## Channel 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.25** Freesports on 4. **7.55** T4: The Crush. **8.25** T4: Friends. (R) **8.55** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.25** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **12.00** T4: Glee. (R) **1.00** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Jamie at Home. **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

**6.30** Channel 4 News.

**6.55** 4thought.tv. Discussing people's right to have a church wedding.

**7.00** Come Dine with Me. A male make-up enthusiast competes against a housewife woman, a rock 'n' roll musician and a dog-sitter, as the dinner-party challenge heads to south-east Essex.

**8.00** The Hotel. The Damson Dene deals with an influx of families.

**9.00** FILM: The Bank Job. (2008) Premiere. A bank robber ends up stealing top secret files the government and security services want buried. Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jason Statham.

**11.10** FILM: The Football Factory. (2004) Drama, starring Danny Dyer.

**1.00** Film: Dresden. (2006) German Second World War drama, with Felicitas Woll. **3.40** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **4.35** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

## Channel 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.45** Animal Families. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.25** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** K-9. **10.35** OK! TV Sunday. **11.30** Extraordinary Dogs. (R) **12.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.05** Film: Lawrence of Arabia. (1962) Oscar-winning epic drama, starring Peter O'Toole. **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15** Film: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad. (1974) Fantasy adventure, starring John Phillip Law.

**7.20** FILM: Godzilla. (1998) Hollywood remake of the Japanese monster adventure, with Matthew Broderick and Jean Reno.

**10.00** The Walking Dead. Rick discovers Merle is not where he left him.

**11.05** FILM: Misery. (1990) Oscar-winning thriller, starring James Caan.

**1.10** SuperCasino. **3.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## Digital

**ITV2**  
**3.00** American Idol **5.30** Britain's Got Talent **6.30** The Only Way Is Essex **8.00** Kerry Katona: The Next Chapter **9.00** Peter Andre: The Next Chapter **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Gladiator (2000)

**ITV3**  
**2.10** Film: Carry On Camping (1969) **4.00** Film: Carry On Henry (1971) **5.55** Downton Abbey **8.00** All the Queen's Horses with Alan Titchmarsh **9.00** Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) **11.20** Film: Amazing Grace (2006)

**ITV4**  
**11.00** British Touring Car Championship. The third round of the season from the Thruxton Circuit in Hampshire. **6.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Delhi DareDevils v Kochi Tuskers Kerala. **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Mercury Rising (1998) **11.15** Film: Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

**BBC THREE**  
**7.00** Doctor Who **7.50** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Film: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

**BBC FOUR**  
**7.00** A History of Christianity **8.00** The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - The True Story **9.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **10.30** The Story of Light Entertainment

**E4**  
**3.55** Film: Rat Race (2001) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **8.00** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica

**FILM4**  
**3.10** The Iron Giant (1999) **4.50** Rooster Cogburn (1975) **6.55** The Madness of King George (1995) **9.00** Big Trouble in Little China (1986) **10.55** Near Dark (1987)



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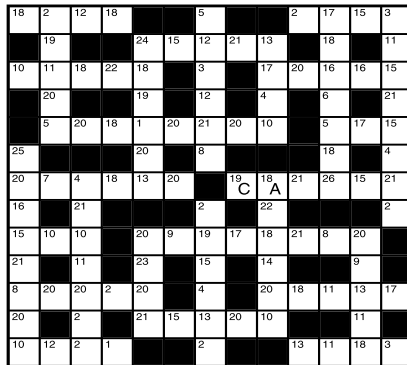


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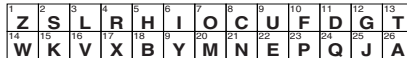
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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. About to assume an attitude for sleep (6)
4. Got through the test as approved (6)
9. Rendering the required tax and expressing approbation! (6,7)
10. On which the remains of the weeds will be deposited (3-4)
11. A distinguishing mark shown by tail-less burrower (5)
12. Often follows the route for a month (5)
14. Intermediate positions can produce wealth (5)
18. Allow to remain - or permission to depart! (5)
19. One who gets the needle should keep it on hand (7)
21. Where appointments are kept, you'll find a spy clattering perhaps (8-5)
22. Have a strong dislike of French trial (6)
23. They will cut grass (6)

## Down

1. Give an encore - it may follow earlier drawing (6)
2. He encourages you to speak your mind (13)
3. A bit of a surprise normally as an address in Spain (5)
5. Friend in France having sufficient skill to be pleasant (7)
6. Finding out what the directors think of a device for increasing resonance (8-5)
7. Some of the studies elucidating a kind of engine (6)
8. Restrains the guys (5)
13. Produces something new from a secret formula! (7)
15. Severely criticised the way in which some roofs are made (6)
16. Make up for a faulty note (5)
17. Considers the wishes of others and postpones (6)
20. He'll make mischief with the Spanish force (5)

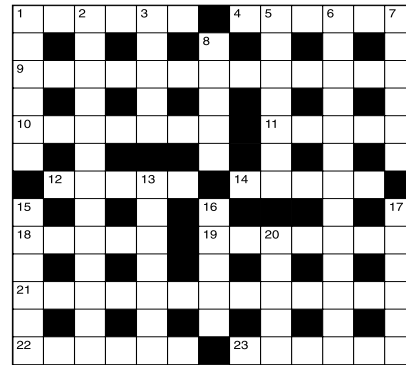
## Quick Clues:

## Across

1. Curb (6)
4. Swordsman (6)
9. Absolute (13)
10. Integrity (7)
11. Deal with (5)
12. Essential (5)
14. Tearful (5)
18. Watchful (5)
19. Emit rays (7)
21. Interchange (13)
22. Loophole (6)
23. Disclose (6)

## Down

1. Purchased (6)
2. Thoughtless (13)
3. Golf-course (5)
5. Letter (7)
6. Thoughtful (13)
7. Tell (6)
8. Prophetess (5)
13. Stage performer (7)
15. Cows (6)
16. Willt (5)
17. Springlike (6)
20. Immel (5)



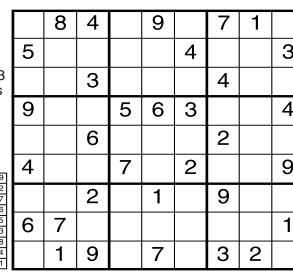
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Repercussion; 7 Motif; 8 Breve; 9 Own; 10 Waist-band; 11 Hearty; 12 Enigma; 15 Rearrange; 17 Nag; 18 Pasha; 19 Vices; 21 Selling-plate. Down: 1 Radiotherapy; 2 Rot; 3 Unfair; 4 Substance; 5 Omega; 6 Dead language; 7 Manna; 10 Waterfall; 13 Genu; 14 Uneven; 16 Aisle; 20 Cap. QUICK - Across: 1 Schoolmaster; 7 Pearl; 8 Enter; 9 Tow; 10 Eloquence; 11 Narrow; 12 Far off; 15 Sacrilege; 17 Earn; 18 Alien; 19 There; 21 Sailing boats. Down: 1 Shooting star; 2 Oar; 3 Mellow; 4 Speculate; 5 Eaten; 6 Green fingers; 7 Power; 10 Emotional; 113 Obese; 14 Beaten; 16 China; 20 Ebb.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

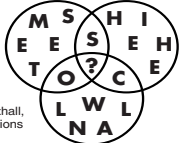
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
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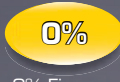
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Openers Craig Wood and Jon Smith batted cautiously to start the innings, but by the 10th over had 38 runs on the board. Wood was the first out when caught by keeper Jagbir Dhillon off Dan Smith for 23.

Neil Pinner, hoping for a call up for the county in their 40 overs match against Middlesex the next day, started confidently and together with Smith soon had the total increasing. The score rose to 85 at the half-way stage of the 40 overs innings.

With the score on 111, Smith was also out to the Dhillon-Smith combination. He had scored 45 which included six 4s. Next man in, Andy Kimberlin, never looked in touch and was stumped by Dhillon of Stuart Wedge for six.

James Ralph joined Pinner and the action started. The partnership started on 123 in the 29th over and ended in the 39th with 79 runs added. Pinner was out caught off Smith but had scored 66. He had hit 11 4s. Ralph ended on 49 not out with five 4s and two 6s. Himley's best bowler was Dan Smith.

### Trapping

While Himley fielded a strong XI, Kidderminster used four players without much 1st team experience.

However, two experienced campaigners, Wright and Gareth Williams opened the bowling and kept the score down. Himley scored only 32 runs from their first 12 overs. With 10 runs added Greg Wright was out caught Smith bowled Richard Kimberlin for 17.

Kimberlin struck again with the total at only 50, trapping Richard Jones leg before for four.

Chris Tranter was batting steadily and had reached 38, including five 4s and a 6, when a new member in the Kidderminster line-up, Zac Turley, had him caught by Neil Pinner.

Only Bilal Hussein offered any real threat and when he was out with the score on 164-7, Himley's hopes of any progress came to an end. Hussein had scored 33 with two 6s and a four.

Jamie Harris scored 14, caught Pinner bowled Turley, Stuart Wedge 20, caught Smith bowled Turley and Dhillon was run out having scored 20. Jamie Lunn was bowled by Pinner for a duck, with Shaif Ahmed and Nick Harrison not out on 3 and 1.

Turley, usually playing as a batsman bowled well, taking 3-36. Kimberlin 2-24 and Pinner 2-52.

Wright and Williams only conceded 36 runs in 14 overs with Williams having figures of 6-1-11-0.

## Off to swinging start

KIDDERMINSTER Golf Club B Team have started the season in style with three wins and one halved. They beat Stourbridge at home 6 and 2, halved away to Kings Norton 3 and 3, and at home beat Churchill and Blakedown 5 and 2 and Droitwich 61/2 and 1/2. Ladies EWGA Medal, Div. 1, 1st Judy Taylor, 92-22-70, 2nd, Sue Hues 94-22-72, 3rd, Jill Yates 91-16-75, Div. 2, 1st, Sandra Hinton 94-25-68, 2nd, Shirley Caswell, 103-28-75, 3rd, Di Cope 103-27-75.

## New boy Matt hits his first 50

KIDDERMINSTER'S Matt Pardoe struck his first half-century in only his second game for Worcestershire.

The promising 20-year-old reached a

careful 54 off 148 balls, with eight fours, as the home side posted 375 at New Road against Midland rivals Warwickshire.

Unfortunately, as

his first match, the second innings was a disappointment for Pardoe and he registered another duck, dismissed by Clarke, as Worcestershire crashed to 199 all out and their second suc-

cessive defeat this year in the first division of the county championship.

The tale of woe continued at the weekend as they lost their first 40-over game to Middlesex.



Matt Pardoe

# LAST-GASP WINNER PUTS END TO HOPE

## It's another golden day for Kate the champion

AFTER demolishing quality field of opponents at the British Universities Judo Championships two weeks ago, Samurai Judo Club's Kate Walker faced an even stronger field of players at the English Senior Open but disposed of them in even greater style to take the gold medal.

There were 15 players in the group and Kate progressed steadily through the preliminary rounds, taking early leads and then waiting for the moment to pounce and finish the contest.

However, this changed in the semi-final where her French opponent was launched into the air with an absolutely superb dummy into a backwards throw which was one of the best throws of the entire tournament.

In the final Kate was up against the same player she had annihilated in the final of the Universities.

Her opponent had clearly been carefully coached in how to avoid the footsweep Kate had thrown her with last time, so Kate simply changed tactic, threw the girl with another throw and then turned her over on the ground as if she was a limp lettuce and held her for the required 25 seconds to gain maximum points from a ground-hold and the gold medal.

### Highest

There were further achievements for the club in other fields at the same event. Two of their referees, Stefan Newbury and Archi Shrimpton, both passed their assessments for National 'A' Referee status, the highest level of referee in British judo.

It is the first time that any club in Britain has had two referees gain 'A' status on the same day. There are only around 40 'A' referees in Britain and Samurai have now got three of them.

Stefan's brother Ben was being assessed for his Competition Controller Award, the top level of competition organizer in the country, and performed superbly and passed all tests with flying colours. But then, he is already widely considered to be Britain's second best tournament organizer, with only his mother, Samura's club chair Sarah Newbury, ahead of him!

Another Samurai player has earned their black belt. Alan Wild, gained his final points at a Midlands grading in Walsall. Matt Dutton, who was a Samurai star a decade ago, made his competitive comeback at the same grading and was impressive, winning four out of his five contests against second and third level black belts, all by maximum points.

## Cornish whipped

ATRIUMPHANT Kidderminster Carolians under-15 side returned from Cornwall over Easter with a 100 per cent record against two of the top rugby teams in the West Country. The results Cornish Pirates 10 Kidderminster 21, and Truro 17 Kidderminster 29. The Carolians inflicted Truro's first defeat in three years.

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Kidderminster goalscorer Jack Byrne wheels away to celebrate his strike against Fleetwood Pictures Tony Marsh

## Byrne bounces back with two goals after Burr's blast

### KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS 2

FLEETWOOD TOWN 1  
KIDDERMINSTER had kept alive their play-off hopes as two goals from Jack Byrne killed off nearest rivals Fleetwood Town in an exciting Blue Square Premier clash at Aggborough on Good Friday.

The midfielder scored twice in the space of four second-half minutes after the visitors had led 1-0 at the interval.

Aggborough boss Steve Burr said of his two-goal hero: "I had a go at him at half-time, as I did with one or two of the other lads, and said 'look I'm going to keep pushing you and pushing you because you can go a lot higher'."

"He's got that in him and he's got a bright future. At a young age that consistency level isn't always there, but he stepped up in the second half and showed us what he's about."

### Deflection

Harriers fell behind when an attempted clearance by Lee Vaughan went straight to Jamie Mullan, who fired confidently past goalkeeper Danny Lewis on 39 minutes.

Kidderminster had penalty appeals turned down before they drew level eight minutes after the break when Byrne's 25-yard shot took a deflection before looping over goalkeeper Danny Hurst and into the net.

It was not long before he struck again, this time with a well-taken header to take his tally of goals against Micky Mellon's men this season to three. Byrne also scored



Lee Morris is denied by Fleetwood keeper Danny Hurst

Harriers' equaliser when they drew 1-1 at Fleetwood in September.

The Good Friday double set the scene for a tense climax to a clash in which both sides went perilously close to nothing further goals.

Fleetwood's misery was complete when striker George Donnelly was sent off in the last minute for two bookable offences.

Harriers, however, kept their composure to clinch a crucial victory in a match that Burr regarded as a "cup final".

He said: "I had a bit of a pop at them at half-time. This was our cup final and I just thought we showed Fleetwood

Town wood a bit too much respect. Not only that but when we had possession in the first half we gave the ball away cheaply.

"At half-time I told them we have got 45 minutes left maybe of the season and they responded. I couldn't have asked for any more."

### KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS 1

#### DARLINGTON 2

Last Tuesday's 2-1 defeat to Darlington at home was the first time Harriers had lost in 16 games, but it cut them adrift of the top five by four points. Harriers scored through skipper Keith Briggs, but were then hit by two Darlington goals.

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